



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Chairman Horwart presiding. He stated that there is a copy of the Open Meeting Act posted in the room which will be followed by the board. Present were Supervisor's JD Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were Deputy County Clerk, Kay Wolf; County Attorney, Bryan McQuay; Road Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal, and Gabe Johnson from The Office.

A motion was made by Metzger, seconded by Dunse the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as published and received by the Board. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Metzger to approve the following claims as audited and allowed by the Board and direct the Clerk to write checks for the same. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund – Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home, autopsy costs, \$390.00; Richard Calkins, ct. apt. atty., \$1094.00; Central Nebraska Cremation & Mortuary, facility fees, \$400.00; Department of Pathology, autopsy costs, \$125.00; Dier, Osborn & Cox, ct. apt. atty., \$66.50; Janet Dietz, mileage and meals, \$200.91; Main Street Media, printing and publishing, \$196.92; MIPS, supplies, \$193.83; Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, autopsy costs, \$2,000.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary, \$30.00; Person & McQuay Law, ct. apt. atty., \$285.00; Shell Fleet Plus, fuel, \$76.76; Twin Valley Public Power, utilities, \$92.20.

Road Fund – Main Street Media, printing and publishing, \$67.40; Newman Traffic Signs, signs, \$3,265.20; Oak Creek Engineering, services, \$3,250.00.

GAMI Fund – Central Nebraska Cremation & Mortuary, services, \$550.00.

Hospital Bond Fund – Harlan County Treasurer, bond payment, \$379,007.50.

Sue Lans, CFO of the Harlan County Hospital, met with the Board to give the hospital monthly report. Ms. Lans stated that scholarships were given to an Alma and Southern Valley student for \$300.00 each. She also reported that April was a good month with an increase of In-patient and Acute Care patients. The new PA is working well and hopes to be going solo in June.

Gabe Johnson, owner of The Office, requested a liquor license for the Governor's Cup held at Methodist Cove on June 12, 2015. Motion by Hanna and seconded by Dietz to approve the request for a liquor license for the Governor's Cup held at Methodist Cove on June 12, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, presented a driveway agreement with Steve Bryant and a ROW agreement with Duane Vorderstrasse to trench an electric line. Motion by Schultz and seconded by Hanna to approve the agreements presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Burgeson reported the hiring of a new road maintenance operator. The option of 1 hour overtime has been utilized by all road employees. He will monitor this option to be used only when needed and will approve the extra hour before it is used.



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Motion by Metzger, second by Dunse for the Board of Equalization to convene at 10:25 a.m. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kim Wessels, County Assessor, brought to the board tax list correction for tax year 2013 & 2014 for Dennis Reiss personal property. Correction amounts \$240.82-2013 and \$154.78-2014. Motion by Dunse, second by Schluntz to approve tax corrections. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Ms. Wessels also asked for valuations to be applied to 2015 tax roll by the Harlan County Board. These included 1 correction for a lot in Stamford. The others were in Taylor Manor having to do with the Schmidt Subdivision a correction to one parcel and the addition of the 32 lots. The valuations were asked to be applied so that the legal owner of record will be given notice when the Notice of Value's are mailed on June 1. Motion by Hanna, second by Metzger to accept the valuations for the 2015 tax roll. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schluntz, second by Dunse to move out of Board of Equalization at 10:40 a.m. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Weston Gouger with 360 Energy Engineers presented a preliminary engineering audit progress update for the courthouse building. He felt the installation of the new cooling & heating system was a good investment. Mr. Gouger presented some possible projects that their engineering team would recommend to make the building ADA compliant and more cost efficient. He will meet with the board on June 16 to discuss the project priorities as well as cost.

County Treasurer, Diane Grotfeld, presented a claim for payment of the Hospital Bond. Motion by Hanna, second by Metzger to approve the payment claim. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Ms. Grotfeld also presented Resolution 2015-7 to transfer funds from Inheritance Fund to Hospital Bond Fund to cover the bond payment. The transfer will be repaid by June 1, 2015. Motion by Metzger, second by Hanna to approve resolution. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer explained the procedure of vendor or employees checks being held if they owe personal property tax. After discussion, the board felt it would be best to have the County Clerk's office make a curtesy call to notify the vendor or employee of the unpaid tax.

Salaries for the upcoming fiscal year were discussed. Schluntz would like to have salaries set before the new budget year starts. Motion by Dietz, second by Hanna to give a 3% increase to county employees beginning July 1, 2015. This motion would not include the unionized Road department. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dunse, second by Schultz to approve the Casa request of \$5,000.00 for the fiscal year 2015-2016. Roll call vote. Supervisor #6-Dietz, yes; Supervisor #7-Dunse, yes; Supervisor #1-Schluntz, no; Supervisor #2-Schultz, yes; Supervisor #3-Hanna, no; Supervisor #4-Metzger, no; Supervisor #5-Horwart, yes. Motion carried by vote of 4 yes, 3 no.

County Attorney, Bryan McQuay, stated he is working on a draft for the Union contract. Discussion followed.

Chairman Horwart declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

ATTEST: Kay Wolf
Deputy County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman
Harlan County Board of Supervisors